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THE KINGS CANYON PARK

First Down -- Goal to Go

Since the previous Yodeler, action on the Kings Canyon Park has once more been postponed upon the request of Nevada's Senator Pittman. This delay will provide the few opponents of the Park with an opportunity to encourage reaffirmation of the State Legislature's year-old opposition to the Park.

Accordingly Club Secretary Wm. E. Colby has asked that each Club member, by prompt action, do his part to prevent last minute set-backs in the Legislature, now convened in special session at Sacramento. If the legislators take no action, the park is practically assured.

Background

A year ago, national park opponents "got the jump" on Park friends. Before the pro-park group became sufficiently active a resolution, asking that no further addition to California national parks be authorized by Congress, passed the Legislature.

This resolution stated in effect that: since California was possessor of priceless resources of soil, water, forests, minerals forage, game animals, birds, fish, and scenic and recreational attractions, the Kings River region should be left perpetually open to economic development, provided (paradoxically) that the Federal Government provide the region with perpetual protection as a wilderness area.

During the hearings on the Park bill before the House Public Lands Committee, however, it was pointed out that the resources mentioned in the resolution either (a) did not exist in the Kings River High Sierra, or (b) would be best taken care of by the Park Service. It was also learned that over 200 organizations in California (including more than 60 in the San Joaquin area) and the Forest Service approved the Park. The House Lands Committee recommended the bill, the House passed it, and now the Senate Public Lands Committee has recommended the bill.

SNOW NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

LEWIS CLARK OPTIMISTIC

While skiers by and large were caustically cursing the thermometer for shamelessly having transformed three feet of potential snow into three inches of wet, wet rain, Director Lewis Clark returned from a week end at Tappaan Lodge, beaming.

Not only had the lodge functioned with unerring smoothness, but it had been filled with a capacity throng, ably led by leader-of-the-week Glenn Weber. Warm sunshine had given the lie to the calendar. The tow had functioned until the rope tired late Sunday afternoon. But best of all, Retribution had caught up with the packed-snow kanonentities.

Pressed for a statement on the subject as he edged toward the door and a quick getaway, Lewis Clark had this to say:

"Although the practice-hill skiers called the snow 'lousy' or the equivalent, snow conditions did put a premium on correct technique and the use of steel edges. Uneven weighting of skis, too much edging, (or too little) caused many a fall."

Real cause for the beam in Director Clark's eye was the downfall of the Yodel-editor when challenged to execute a christy in soggy snow ("soggy" is no word for it-Ed) (Telemarkers flopped, too.-Ed) (Etc. Etc. -Staff)

"IT COULDN'T BE CLIMBED by David R. Brower"

This heading, appearing in "Next Week" of the January 27 Saturday Evening Post, as an advance notice for the Shiprock story, has raised a question in the mind of Fred Kelley, who writes "This seems misleading to me, as I personally saw this aforementioned D.R.B. on top of Shiprock."

The local representative of the Curtis Publishing Company has revealed that the story is appearing in this week's Post in a very attractive layout of photographs in natural color as well as monochrome.

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Thanks very much for helping to get this issue to the public: Marion Goodwin, John Hellingsen, Fritz Lippman, Robbin Hansen, Thomas Rixon and anyone else who might come in later.

LOST: MOUNT LYELL IN WINTER

The motion picture of the first winter ascent of Mount Lyell has strayed from the shelves of Bestor Robinson, who took the movie in 1936. Being a silent film, the picture has probably not asked to be sent home; the Robinsons would accordingly appreciate it if 16mm cinematographers would check through their collections for the missing mountain.

Announcement

Betty Rowell and Charles Townsend regret to inform their friends that they are no longer engaged.

NEW ADDRESS



When you vacate your present domicile and move to that dream house or dream apartment please advise the Club office immediately of the location of your new hatrack. A penny postcard to 1050 Mills Tower will insure your receiving all Club mailings on time.

CANTEENS

In answer to our request of two issues ago we suggest you go to 512 Kearny Street to satisfy your thirst for an army canteen. Perhaps you'd better look before you buy or you'll find they leak after you've been sold.

ADD-LIBE-ING

Most Sierra Club members pride themselves on their pedestrian, equestrian, and ski-ing prowess, and then shy away from the role of the American motorist, yet few can deny that they spend many happy hours engaged in auto travel. The library's most recent acquisition, "Motor Tales and Travels, In and Out of California", deals with this phase of our lives. The volume was presented to the club by its author, Herbert Carolan of San Francisco.

Dick Johnson's Nature Students are responsible for another recent addition to the library, Sierra Club Nature Notes. Complete in a black leather binder, the Notes will be found with the Yodeler volume in the library shelves, for Clubroom use only.

NATURE STUDY

Last Sunday's sun witnessed the best attended field trip of the Nature Study Group. Thirty-one sought botanical knowledge with the new Manzanita and Heather keys. One thing found without the aid of a key was a tree toad, which uses small cups or pads on its toes for its arboreal activities. A brave and venturesome eighteen risked leg cramps and indigestion at a Sukiyaki dinner in the evening. Several proved themselves quite adept at handling chopsticks, although dainty mouthfuls were not much in evidence.

A somewhat eerie trip through the Academy of Sciences was taken last Thursday by 23 members who braved rain and torn-up road. The tour through the room with the collection of large sea turtles, many of them seeming to eye the intruders accusingly from their shelves, had the aspect of an initiation. Dr. Hanna, Dept. of Paleontology, showed us several fossils that had been found so recently as to be unnamed. Among other interesting things examined were some books printed in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Thursday, February 1, is the date of the next monthly meeting. Because the last few meetings have been so crowded, the next one will be in Room 360; time, 7:30 p.m. Mr. Stacy, of the Academy of Sciences, will talk on plant ecology. Three new numbers of Sierra Club Nature Notes will be on sale that evening. Plans for coming field trips will also be discussed.

SIERRA CLUB NATURE NOTES

is the title of the latest Sierra Club publication. It consists of keys, glossaries, notes, and drawings about the natural history of California. At present the Nature Study Group of the S.F. Bay Chapter is the only contributor. In the plan originated by Francis Farquhar and endorsed by Dr. Hildebrand other chapters are encouraged to publish additional numbers under the same format, general title, and continuing the same series of numbers. Other Nature Study groups wishing to add to Sierra Club Nature Notes should first obtain a series number from the Club Office in San Francisco and a sample of the format. The paper used in mimeographing this publication is letter-size and is then cut in half and punched to fit an inexpensive binder. Numbers now in print are: #1, Key to the Heath Family in Marin County; #2, Key to the Arctostaphylos of Marin County; #3, Key to the Ceanothus of Marin County; #4, Glossary for Keys of Marin County, #5, Key to the Indigenous Trees of Marin County.

Since the cost varies according to the size of each number, the following price list prevails: Numbers 1 & 2, 5¢; 3 & 4, 5¢; 5, 5¢. Orders will be filled by mail providing a 3¢ stamp (for mailing expense) accompanies each order. Address: Nature Study Group, S. F. Bay Chapter, 1050 Mills Tower, S. F. Two and three cent stamps accepted.

CASTAWAY

Anyone wanting a good used cast see Edith Mains.

She is now walking about without the support of the plaster of Paris and cotton which has swathed her leg since her recent accident. The Doc expects all stiffness to be cast off in about three weeks.

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NEEDED AT NORDEN --

Maximum-minimum thermometer. One of the reasons why there hasn't been enough snow at Norden this season is that the Tappaan Lodge thermometer, being placed too near the building, never gets cold enough.

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ALSO NEEDED --

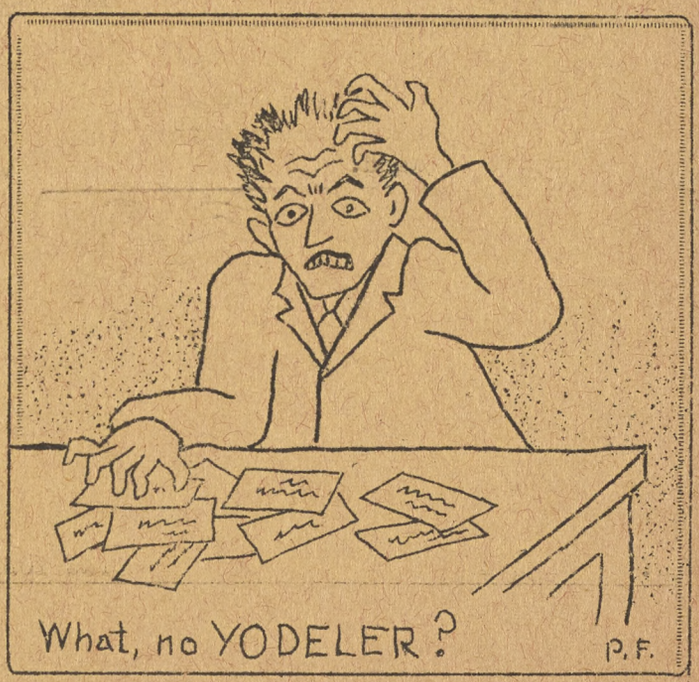
Silverware baskets. These should preferably be of a size that fits the sink, and will permit rinsing silverware in scalding rather than tepid water.

MOTHER LODE CHAPTER ORGANIZES

The Mother Lode Chapter held its Organization Meeting on January 11, in connection with a showing of Ski and Shiprock movies by Dave Brower. Movies taken on the December Chapter trip to Ham Station were also shown. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Charlotte Mauk; Vice Chairman, Ted Abeel; Secretary, Fred Holmes; Treasurer, "Blink" Sharman; Members of the Executive Committee, Margaret Mix, Rita Canessa, Tom Jukes. Schedule Committee details will be handled by Ted Abeel, while Tom Jukes will take care of Publications and Publicity; Education and Entertainment will be arranged by Margaret Mix; and Winter Sports by Charlotte Mauk.

On the 21st, the Chapter made a trip to the Marysville Buttes, with rock-climbing practice conducted at the top of the South Butte. The view from the top would have been fine if it hadn't been foggy nearly all day, but a clearing in the sky late in the day gave an excellent view of the Sacramento Valley. An exploration trip to the Mother Lode country will be held on Washington's Birthday; any persons interested in going should get in touch with Fred Holmes through the Sierra Club office.

Fred Holmes.



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A CLIMBERS GUIDE TO LOCAL ROCK-CLIMBING

PART IV MIRALOMA ROCKS

By Edward Koskinen

(For previous parts of this guide see the YODELER: Cragmont Rock -I:2, Jan. 19, 1939 Page 7, Pinnacles Natl. Mon. I:6, Mar. 20 1939, Pages 6 - 7. Indian Rock I:18. Nov. 13, 1939, Page 5.)

The rock at Miraloma (chert) provides an abundance of overhangs and bomb-proof holds. The cliffs range from 15 to 25 feet in height, and are located on a hillside in San Francisco approximately 3/4 mile south of Twin Peaks. They are most easily reached by driving from Glen Park Recreation Center north-westward along a dirt road a distance of half a mile.

BELAYING: Standing hip and shoulder belaying may be practised at climb M-10 and piton falls may be held with the aid of an expansion bolt placed in the face of the cliff at climb M-8.

ROPE-DOWN: The cliffs are not high enough for satisfactory roping-down practice, except for the novice.

Except for climbs M-1 and M-2, data regarding the first ascents are not available.

M-1 - A CHEVAL - Prior to November 1,1932 - Herbert P. Blanks - Class 4 -86° - 30' Starts with a steep-angled traverse under an overhang and then goes up an easy chimney.

M-2 - LE CONTE CHIMNEY - Between Nov. 1, 1932, and March 1, 1933 - Kenneth Schwab - Class 5 - 96° - 27' - A difficult chimney climb.

M-3 - Class 4 - 80° - 18' - A face climb on small holds, requiring balance. A beginner's climb.

M-4 - Class 4 - 85° - 21' - An easy beginner's climb with plenty of good holds.

M-5 - Class 4 - 69° - 27' - for beginners. A face climb with good holds.

M-6 - Class 4 - 99° - 20' - An overhanging face requiring a pull-up on good holds.

M-7 - Class 5 - 76° - 23' - A high-angle face with minute holds.

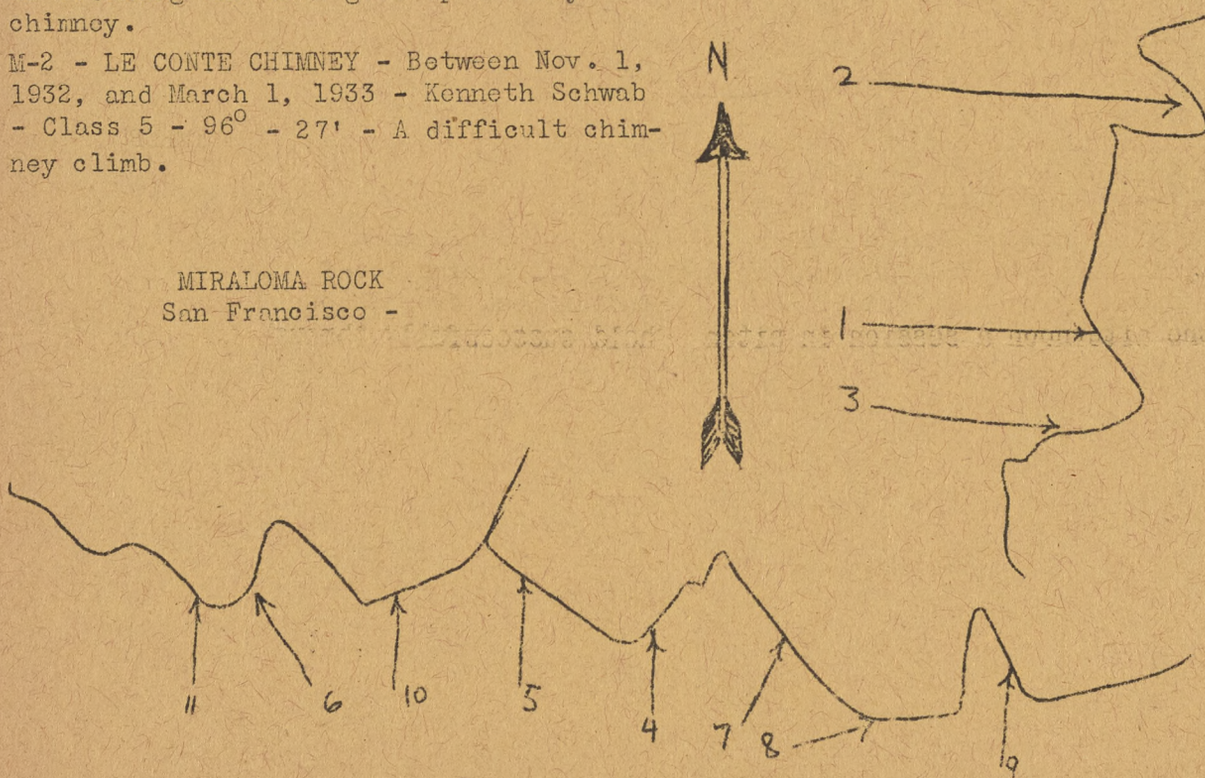
M-8 - Class 5 - 104° - 18' - An overhanging traverse employing a toe-hold for its execution.

M-9 - Class 6 - 135° to 150° - 18' -An overhanging crack requiring the wedging of a leg in the crack.

M-10 - LULU PITCH - Class 5 - 75° and 130° - 24' - A fingertip traverse followed by a pull-up over an overhang.

M-11 - Class 6 - 105° and 99° - 25' - A traverse of an overhang with a critical climb out around the corner of the rock, ending with a pull-up over an overhang.

MIRALOMA ROCK
San Francisco -



MONUMENT PEAK CLIMBED

The Mugelnoos of January 4 describes the difficult first ascent of Monument Peak, near Parker Dam in southern California. Although an elevation of only 2,446 feet might at first seem to bespeak an easy peak, Art Johnson, Paul Estes, John and Ruth Mendenhall found it necessary to use seven pitons, one two-man stand and four hours in ascending the 225-foot, class five summit pinnacle. The peak had defied two previous attempts by experienced climbers.

CHALLENGE TO CLIMBERS

Four Sierra Club climbers are reported to have climbed to the top of Monument Peak, a 1000 foot crag near Parker dam on the Colorado river....a picture of the peak, in shape somewhat like Winnedumah, on the summit east of Independence, suggests that no one has reached the top of that pinnacle. There is a chance for some ambitious climber to make a record.

From the Bishop, Calif. Register.
January 11, 1940

DEVILS SLIDE

Rock-climbers who didn't ski last week-end found Devils Slide a restful spot from which to watch the few ambitious members of the group who scrambled among the talus piles. One party established a new route -- named by them "The Far Western Arete", involving a very good class five pitch. Another party failed to complete repetition of a traverse first made a number of years ago by Morgan Harris, Raffi Bedayan, and Jack Riegelhuth. They were stopped Sunday by high water.

During the afternoon a session in piton practice attracted one of the largest galleries of the season along the highway above, the multitude increasing in number so rapidly that it finally had to be dispersed by the Highway Patrol.

An engineering achievement for the day was establishment of a trail on the class three route from the road down to the climbing site -- previously the nemesis of tyros.

ENGAGED

Perhaps it's not news, being a week old, but it's an announcement: Marjorie Mason and Morgan Harris have announced their engagement, and have set the date for some time in August, after many of their friends have returned from the High Trip.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Snowpatch Spire, in the Purcell Range, B. C., is now North America's #1 climbing problem. Fritz Weissner, in a letter to Raffi Bedayan, provides some interesting advance information.

> My opinion of Snowpatch is that it cannot be climbed without extensive use of artificial means. Two years ago I was in the Bugaboos for four days and Chap Cramner and I climbed to the foot of the snowpatch. About 200 feet under the snowpatch we had to work around an overhang using several pitons to hang onto, and it seemed to me that the part above the snowpatch will need more of this kind of work. I personally, don't care much about nailing my way up a peak. There may be another possibility on another side of Snowpatch but one also will run into the same conditions; that is, in order to climb it one must use a lot of iron.
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> The Snowpatch in itself is a beautiful looking thing and one can understand the urge so many parties have to climb it. I hear there will be several parties out there this summer. As a matter of fact, if everything goes well I might be there too, especially as there are several other good climbs in the region.

A NEW PEAK FOR ROCK-CLIMBERS

Several years ago the Rock-Climbing Section established some sort of record in holding practice-falls, when, at Indian Rock free leaps of 18 feet were held successfully through use of piton belays.

This feat has been dwarfed into insignificance by a boilermaker. According to a story carried in the San Francisco News of January 25, the boilermaker found a steeplejack in the process of falling 55 feet from a smokestack, with 35 feet to go. Bracing himself and extending his arms, he caught the steeplejack (age 75), who suffered only minor injuries. The hero was disabled for 10 weeks, was awarded a medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

The Yodeler advocates as an ideal exercise for second and third men on the rope, regular practice in catching sand-bags dropped from 30-foot cliffs. As the catchers become more expert, climbers may be substituted for sand bags.

THE DESERT TRIP

"Sound, sound the clarion, fill the fife,
To all the Sierra Club proclaim
One crowded week of glorious life
Is worth an age without a name!"
--with apologies to Sir Walter Scott
from a fellow Scot.

The week in question is the Desert Outing in March 16 - 24. The stimulating itinerary is now completed and we will benefit by the presence of Randall Henderson, a fellow-member, who is Editor of The Desert Magazine and an authority on that region.

And we'll be seeing "The Glass Giant of the Palomar". That telescope (world's largest, if you're interested in superlatives) is so powerful that you could see a candle flame 41,000 miles away, if you had someone to hold the candle.

So, don't say later that you didn't know about this trip. Prepare now to come along and fly the red bandanna.

Leaders: Jim Barbour and Fred Peake

DESERT NIGHT

A blaze of color will flash upon the screen February 13, at the P. G. & E. Auditorium, when the movies of the desert region will be shown. Francis Farquhar will speak on the history of this colorful country, his talk to be illustrated by movies loaned through the courtesy of Director Pinckley of the Southwest National Monuments. The Shiprock movies, active proof of that famous Post article, will be shown by Bestor Robinson. It looks like a big night at the P.G. & E, so come one and all - 8:00 o'clock promptly.

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KINGS CANYON GOING TO THE HAWGS

An editorial in the Hilmar, Calif., Enterprise advocates a new use for the Kings River country:

...we advise turning the country over to sheepmen, or, preferably, hogs, for Henry says you can't take a step up there without dodging a rattlesnake.

Henry never traveled with us.



DESERT DINNER

March 12th, the Tuesday before the Desert Trip, Charlie Webber is showing a series of his fine desert scenes after the dinner at the Y.W.C.A. Anyone who has seen Charlie's beautiful wild flower pictures, skillfully colored by Mrs. Webber, will not need to be assured of the excellency of the program.

...As to the dining place, have you tried the Y.W.C.A's delicious dinners, moderately priced? The Yodeler investigator was especially impressed by the crisp cornbread sticks and the juicy tender roast of beef, (advertisement). The dining room will hold two hundred people and has facilities for movie showing. See the schedule for the three other movie dinners to be held here.

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Calling Edgar Smith, Helen Stewart:

Anyone knowing where the above two persons live knows more than our Circulation Dept., and will oblige by informing the Yodeler.

NO MORE YODELERS FOR YOU ?

Will this be true two weeks from now? Is this your last Yodeler? The heading on Page one will inform you if you are on our scratch list. If so, 75¢ will take you off, and provide you with 160 more glorious pages of Yodeler yellow.

ROBERT M. PRICE

Sierra Club members were shocked to learn of the death of Robert M. Price, charter member of the Sierra Club, Secretary of the Club and member of the Board of Directors for many years, and recently elected Honorary Vice-President. Heart failure brought to a sudden close a long and active life devoted to the cause of conservation. He was 72.

Wm. E. Colby, long closely associated with Price, is preparing a memorial for the forthcoming magazine number of the Sierra Club Bulletin.

OUTING PLANS UNDER WAY

Outing Committee Chairman Dick Leonard has announced the year's first meeting of the Outing Committee and commissary group to be held at his home February 4. The 1940 High Trip does not start for five months, but management wheels must start rolling far in advance.

WANTED: AN EMBLEM COMMITTEE

A Sierra Club Insignia Sales Committee will be needed to carry on the good work of Charlotte Weatherill, resigned, married. Volunteers address: Chairman, Bay Chapter.

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NEXT WEEK: Art Blake's stirring sequel to "Flika Falls." Don't miss it!

JOINT LODGE*WINTER SPORTS MEETING

State of affairs and vice versa will be discussed as chairmen Lewis Clark and Bestor Robinson meet with committee members Feb. 1, Club rooms.

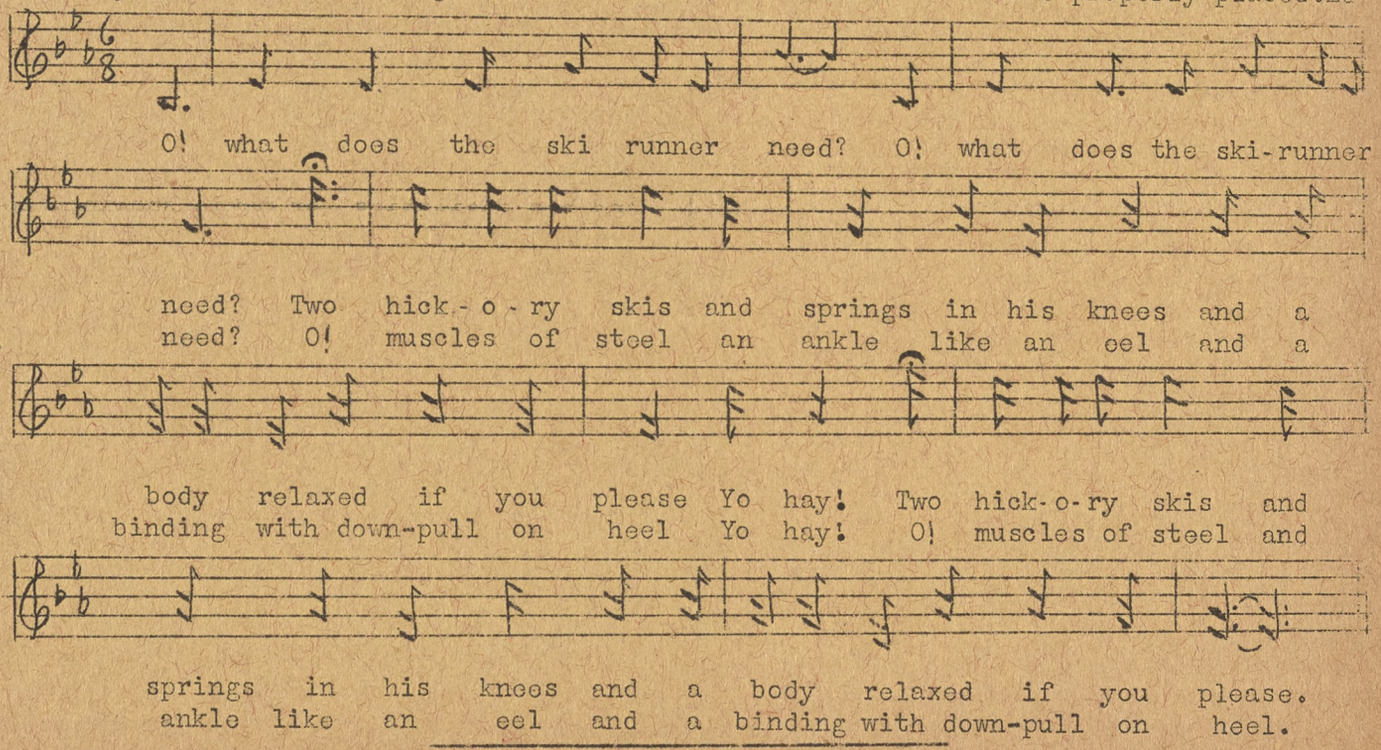
MOST COMMON ERROR DEPT.

III.

Tailspinning. Next time at Norden note how many skiers, when making christies, jerk their turns around suddenly and skid sideways down the slope. They appear to be panic-stricken at the thought that their skis, part way through a turn, are headed straight downhill and are threatening to carry them to destruction. Something must be done, they think, so with grim determination they rapidly swing poles, shoulders, hips -- everything, in fact, but the kitchen sink -- and try to turn on a dime. All too often a well-intentioned christy ends in an ignominious tailspin.

But watch the Klein bros. or any number of the young hopefuls. Notice how long they take to bring their christies around, how smooth and steady are the gradual turns that result. A uniform, long-radius turn will check speed more efficiently than alternate steep traverses and jittery side-slips. Try one some time.

SKI SONNET (Dr. Hildebrand has integrated the words and music for his "free translation of the German folksong appearing in the previous Yodeler. He has also upped the key. This time we hope that the holds, 8th & 16th notes are properly placed. Ed)



(On anon)

(See previous Yodeler for a start on other possible verses)

(The Yodeler will welcome good additions)

IN THE WAKE OF THE HOB NAILS

TAMALPAIS PEAK JAN. 21

Brr! And was it cold! But 42 hikers braved the ice-age clime and made Tamalpais Peak...About two-thirds of the way up they entered a pea-soup fog, and then suddenly emerged into the clear sunshine. They looked down upon a vast ocean of high fog that covered the whole countryside...Mt. Helena and Mt. Diablo appeared to be islands in a billowing sea...The party bounded around the three peaks of Tamalpais and then dashed down to the station for the 3:20 train, thus making the Jan. 21st outing not only one of the coldest but one of the speediest hikes on record...Fashion notes: Leader Ray L'Esperance looking Esquirish in a civilian suit--tch! tch!..Tally ho! and there was Glenna Lawrence attired in a riding habit...Other highlights: Al Weiler informing an inquiring tenderfoot that the altitude was 300 feet above the summit, and feeling quite embarrassed when he was believed...Daisy Miller officiating most efficiently as rear leader...The Pipers leaving their mountain retreat at West Point to add sociability to the party. And a good time was had by all in spite of the chilly weather.

OF A MEMORABLE MEANDERING MIGRATION, MID MIST, MEADOW, MOUNTAIN AND MUD

Two score and thirteen Sierrans searched through the mist, swished through the grass, swaggered over rocks, sloshed through the mud, shivered at lunchtime, sweated in mugginess and in general had a private and enjoyable outing last Sunday...Though the above sounds paradoxical it did add up to a hike that will be remembered long after summer ones are forgotten. Because of illness, the Ralstons were unable to lead the trip as scheduled so Stan Hardman pinch-hitted, and though he may have kept everyone guessing some of the time, he did so well that most of the group were able to hotfoot the last three miles in forty minutes and board the 4:37 for home...When hikers were informed on the morning train that they were to continue on to Manor, instead of getting off at Fairfax as per schedule, Ned Allen came forth with a quip that certainly deserves repetition. Bellowed Ned, as hikers resumed their seats: "The Sierra Club is to the Manor Borne!" Because of the dense shifting mist that prevailed during most of the morning, each hiker did his best to keep contact with the one ahead by shout, if not by sight. One of the early problems was to circumnavigate a herd of cows...three fences and a creek or two were crossed before said herd of cows no longer herd.....Young gallants welcomed the many opportunities to carry fair hikers across streams swollen from the recent rains...Chivalry was in full flower and everyone had barrels of fun. Jim Barbour, however, insisted upon certain specifications before he would transport any maiden across the swirling waters...Each candidate had to submit to a cross-examination involving such queries, as, "Can you cook?" etc. ...Ah Yes! Nothing like fording a stream to stimulate romance, providing the girl has kept her weight down and the fellow has kept his biceps in condition... An especially touching climax was reached when Frank Bailey piggy-backed Jim Barbour across the last stream.....Everyone had a thoroughly good time and three cheers to Stan Hardman for his excellent leadership.



COMING UP.

Next Sunday is Lone Tree Spring. Come out and keep it company for a few hours at least at lunch-time.

February 11th is Mount Diablo. Climb to the peak and enjoy magnificent views of the snowy Sierra (maybe).

Friday, February 9th. The Leap Year Valentine Dance---the committee promises you a gala evening. Get your tickets early! Invite your best beau, girls,--its your leap year privilege...or come doe or stag - and mayhap you'll find yourself a Valentine there.

S I E R R A C L U B

San Francisco Bay Chapter

ROCK-CLIMBING SECTION

Rules Concerning Climbing Safety and Duties of Trip Leaders

All climbing with the Rock-Climbing Section is done strictly at the climber's own risk. Safety, the cardinal principle of climbing, depends largely upon avoidance of risk. It is therefore urgently requested that members of the Rock-Climbing Section observe the following precautions:

1. Practice climbing should never be attempted without an upper belay.

2. Each person should practice at least five minutes of "falls and belays" during each day of practice climbing.

3. No person should attempt to use a belay of any kind until he has first demonstrated to the trip leader his ability to hold properly the particular belay that he intends to use.

4. Uniform signals should be used on the climbs.
   Before each climb the belayer should call "Test!" as soon as he is ready. Responding with "Testing!" the climber should gradually apply his full weight to the rope. When satisfied that he is prepared, the belayer should call "Climb!" whereupon the response, "Climbing!" should precede the start of the ascent.
   On each climb, call "Slack!" if the rope should be paid out; "Rope!" if it should be taken up. (To aid the memory: "Out Slack" "Up rope".)

5. One should never attempt a climb without being sure that the securing knot is properly tied. Climbers should know the bowline, butterfly, and bowline-on-a-coil. A practical knowledge of all climbing knots is recommended.

6. It is to be understood that safety in practice climbing depends upon the strength of the rope. No rope of doubtful quality or strength should ever be used. A color-chart in the register indicates age of ropes.

7. Belays are recommended for all rope-downs, subject to the judgement of the leader.

Serious climbing in which an upper belay is not possible involves a different technique and more experience than practice climbing can give. It is therefore most strongly urged that no one attempt the leadership of such a party without adequate and thorough preparation. This ordinarily consists of participation in climbs of increasing difficulty under experienced leaders. Thorough preparation will eventually involve study and practice in pitoncraft, in which these rules should be observed:

8. Falls and belays involving pitons should be practiced locally.

9. Pitons should be removed from all climbs wherever feasible. Old pitons, when encountered, should be removed and replaced wherever possible. Use of any pitons not thus removed is on the responsibility of the user.

10. New pitons should be tested thoroughly, and testing methods should be thoroughly reviewed and practiced at local meetings.
    (A <u>good piton</u> goes in with a uniformly increasing pitch at a uniform rate, and must be in a good location. It should withstand tests of moderate hammering back and forth in the crack, full weight, and heavy jerks with the rope.
    A <u>poor piton</u> goes in with a hollow sound, goes in suddenly and stop, rattles or is placed in poor locations such as cracks in brittle rock or between loose and unsupported blocks,
    Poor pitons may occasionally be of a limited value in temporary use.)

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Duties of the Trip Leader

1. Leadership is a responsibility and an honor. Treat it as such.

2. The first and most important duty of the leader is enforcement of the Rules Concerning Climbing Safety. He must see that all climbs are properly belayed. He need not be a climber of great ability, but he must know these rules and be able tactfully to enforce them, especially among the inexperienced yet agile climbers. Safety precautions cannot be too strongly emphasized. The leader must accept full responsibility for the safety of the members of his party.
The Assistant Leader (named second in the schedule) has all the responsibilities and duties of the leader, and stands next to him in authority.

3. Instruction in climbing and belaying is the next most important duty. Belaying technique is especially necessary for the safety factor. He should see that every climber practices belaying. Those not feeling confidence in roping-down should be belayed. All beginners should be belayed on rope-downs.

4. Those needing instruction should be divided between the leader and his assistants for purposes of instruction -- a very few experts thus being able to handle all instructing of beginners for the entire day. This will leave the other experienced climbers free to enjoy climbing on their own. The leader should not attempt to guide or lead any of the climbs, nor climb for his own pleasure, but should devote his entire time to instruction and aid to those who need it. He should circulate among the climbers, never remaining too long with one group.

5. The trip leader should see that each party has a rope leader competent for the climb to be made. The trip leader's decision is absolute, subject only to the opinion of a quorum of the Rock-Climbing Committee.

6. The leader should keep spectators a safe distance from the edge of the rocks.

7. When advisable the group should be organized before the climb and addressed briefly by the leader.

8. The leader is responsible for arranging transportation on trips where necessary.

9. The leader is responsible for transportation of register, first-aid kit, and ropes to and from the climb. He should keep a careful check on the ropes, and make each person taking one responsible for returning it coiled.

10. The leader should encourage the maintenance of section and individual climbing records.

11. The leader should try to meet all new members or visitors and introduce them to everyone. He should try to give them special attention in instruction.

12. If at any time there are too many climbers present for the leader to handle them efficiently, he may appoint competent assistants, so that the above instructions may be carried out properly.

While the careful administration of the Rules Concerning Climbing Safety, and full accordance with the Duties of the Trip Leader are necessary, leaders should not overlook the fact that rock-climbing is a sport, and that participants should be allowed to enjoy it as such.

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